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Dorm resident claims shooting occurred after failed drug deal

BY JULIE LANNING
Staff Writer

A male resident of Hill House told police he was shot at Feb. 14 after a drug deal involving LSD fell through.

Mel Gilroy, assistant director of Public Safety, said the student was brought in for questioning after the Hill House head resident told police that the student had informed him of the incident.

Gilroy said the student was apparently a middle man in the drug deal. He added the student said he received 10,000-15,000 hits of LSD from one party and delivered them to another party.

The student told Gilroy the first party shot at him because he did not have the money. The student said there were three or four people in a car belonging to the man who allegedly fired the shot.

Gilroy said he doesn't know if this incident occurred or not. The only evidence is the student's statements.

"Friday night is a busy night on campus. We had patrolmen cruising campus who didn't hear any gunshots and students who (See LSD, page 3)



Aye, sir

The Oakland Sail/
Mark Winkelbauer
Dave Robinson of Rochester plays the bagpipes on campus Thursday as part of a CIPO noontime program.

Racial gripes voiced to school administrators at Congress input forum

BY TIM MARINE
Staff Writer

Racial complaints dominated University Congress' Input Committee Forum held Wednesday in the OC.

Student Derrick Lewis read a statement he sent to some administrators.

"Why is it that the Oakland black students are in such a state of disachievement?" he asked the panel of Dave Herman, dean of students, Cameron Brunet-Koch, director of CIPO, Alan Miller, vice president for campus operations, Eleanor Lewellen Reynolds, director of residence halls, Public Safety Chief Richard Leonard, Jack Wilson, associate vice president for student affairs and Registrar Larry Bartalucci.

Lewis said, "You rarely see a black student at Oakland for more than two years, mainly because of financial reasons."

He said CIPO's rule stipulating that registered clubs must have 10 members or more is "only going to affect black clubs."

"We're caught in the problem where there's a greater need than ever before for college-educated minorities," but availability of financial aid is declining, Wilson said.

After pointing out that the new state-funded Martin Luther King-Rosa Parks program brings seventh grade minority students to OU to acquaint them with college, Wilson said better preparation is the real barrier to minority students.

"The high schools aren't providing them with the mathematical and science background they need," Wilson said.

"All of us are doing our best to change the negative things," Herman said.

Engineering major Nicole Howard said she couldn't get help with a computer program from the student volunteers at Tau Beta Pi, alleging she was racially discriminated against.

"I'm so discouraged with the engineering program," she said.

"We don't get paid for those services," said Congress member

David Stillman, a member of the society. He said he doubted Howard wasn't able to get help because she was black.

Political science major Stacy Bolden complained that OU has no women's or minority studies programs, and that she had to go to the University of Michigan library to find alternative publications on women's issues not found in Kresge Library.

Wilson pointed out that the library gets more funds every year, although he called their funds "woefully inadequate."

In other issues, Julia Plevnia complained of being turned down for federal financial aid, as well as private bank loans, to pay for tuition.

Herman agreed it's getting tougher for students to get financial aid, but said OU has no plans to let students pay in installments.

"Oakland isn't big enough to float all these loans," he said.

Congress member Carl Hitch complained of the school staying open when there is a snowstorm.

"I get into accidents with (bad) weather conditions," he said.

Miller said OU is closed "when we're unable to provide support services, when (snow) is falling faster than we're able to remove it."

Bartalucci said he wasn't happy with the new computer system's performance during this semester's late registration period Jan. 5, but some of the 2,000 students should have pre-registered.

Congress approves formation of committee to find solutions to student housing crunch

BY TIM MARINE
Staff Writer

University Congress approved a bill creating a committee that will study the student housing crunch, replacing the task force that President Keith Faber set up recently on the same subject.

Faber said there are many possibilities for student housing. He thought apartments built on campus by private developers would be a better solution than building another dormitory. A new residence hall could raise the cost of room and board by as much as \$1,000 per year.

Higgins said the Congress committee will try to persuade apartment managers off campus to be more receptive to students who want to rent.

Congress member Steve Lundy said the board of trustees wasn't aware of the housing shortage until Faber's recent presentation "when we've been bringing it up for a long time."

"It should be a Congress committee, because it's something we're looking into," said Congress member David Stillman.

Congress member Randy Straughen, co-sponsor of the bill, said he wanted to see more results out of the committee than

came from last year's probe of the subject.

"I want student government to know we did something about this," he said.

Faber said he didn't oppose the committee formation, as long as it didn't get too large.

After the vote, when Stillman asked if Faber was going to disband his task force, Faber said, "Yes, providing Congress will accept" his nominations for the committee: Congress Executive Assistant Sean Higgins as chair, and Congress members Stillman, Nicole Bolden and Glen Grenevitch. Congress voted to accept them.

At the Feb. 16 meeting, Congress members were upset when Higgins announced the formation of the committee by Faber, in the president's absence.

"I don't like the process that is being used to put this through," Straughen said. "I can't see anywhere (Faber) has the power to do this," he added.

Congress also filled a vacancy at the March 2 meeting with the only nominee—junior Carl Hitch

He said he has "become very concerned about students and their rights," after finding out that a book he bought at the

bookstore was marked as being a desk copy that wasn't for resale. He is proposing a student book exchange.

The Student Activities Board was given a check for \$1,000

from business students who organized the John Naisbitt lecture last semester. They said they

had taken in more money from the speech than they'd expected.

Truck blows its top



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were out who didn't hear any," said Gilroy.

He added that the student has a history of mental problems and has been in his office for disorderly conduct, which may indicate he made the story up to get attention.

Gilroy said even after questioning the student, he could not make a case because the student did not make a formal complaint and because he would not give names or descriptions of anyone else involved.

But Gilroy also said he spoke

with police in the student's home town, who said he is known to be a "nickel and dime dealer" when he goes home on weekends.

He added there is no new information on the alleged shooting and there is nothing else that he can do at this point.

Gilroy said he informed Oakland County narcotics officials of the deal so they could look for large quantities of LSD. Gilroy said he believes the drugs were not meant to be distributed at OU.

Student arraigned in theft of Sweet Sensations cigarettes

BY JULIE LANNING
Staff Writer

Student Meredith Kadlec will be arraigned March 16 in Oakland County Circuit Court for her part in the Feb. 6 burglary of Sweet Sensations.

Kadlec, 19, of Rochester, is one of three people who have already been issued warrants in connection with the theft of more than \$470 worth of cigarettes and lighters from the pastry shop on the upper level of the OC.

Kadlec was bound over for

trial on charges of breaking and entering a building with the intent to commit larceny after her preliminary exam in the 52-3 District Court March 2. She was released on a \$5,000 personal bond at that time.

Mel Gilroy, assistant director of Public Safety, said a fourth person involved has admitted his part in the burglary and a warrant will also be issued against him.

Gilroy added that more cigarettes and lighters have been recovered, bringing the total property returned up to about 80 percent.

Minority enrollment lagging

BY TIM MARINE
Staff Writer

While enrollment has increased about 14 percent in the last nine years, minority enrollment has been stagnant over that same time.

The combined minority—black, American Indian, Asian or Pacific Islander, and Hispanic—enrollment was 8.08 percent of Oakland's students in 1977, and only 7.95 percent this school year.

Black students are the largest minority on campus, with 5.23 percent or 664 students, down 10.5 percent from 742 students in 1977.

Lack of money and poor public school preparation, in addition to geographic barriers, keep OU out of black students' consideration, according to some university officials.

Jerry Rose, director of admissions, said it's mostly middle class students that are being squeezed out of federal financial aid programs.

"If you look at the dollars being spent, that might not say they're cutting back. But they're tightening up the eligibility requirements," Rose said.

Rose said many minority students considering Oakland are

from low-income families in Detroit or Pontiac, and can't afford to commute a few times a week. While there might be federal aid available for those students' tuition, there probably won't be enough for them to live on campus.

If "you have a student with full need (tuition, fees and housing)...it now costs \$5200 per year," Rose said.

Because of the poor public transportation link between Detroit and OU, or even nearby Pontiac and the university, black high school students consider Oakland to be an outstate college.

"We're competing against Michigan State University for students," said Rose.

Asian and Pacific Islander students only constitute 1.65 percent of the university's enrollment, but their numbers have quadrupled in the past few years. Rose said they're mainly math and science and majors.

"Most of the Asian students are sons and daughters of professional people," said Rose. He added their academic success in technical fields isn't surprising.

There will continue to be increases in Asian students on campus as long as they increase their percentage of the total population, said Rose.

For the economically and educationally disadvantaged minority students who don't plan for college, the university has increased its recruiting and academic support programs.

Wilma Ray-Bledsoe, vice president for student affairs, said this past fall's non-traditional recruiting paid off in the increase in black freshman enrollment from the fall of 1985.

By opening ties to community groups and churches, the school was able to reach students it might not have otherwise, Ray-Bledsoe, said.

She said a new state-funded recruiting program reaches far-

ther into the public schools, starting in seventh grade. The students tour campuses and are encouraged to excel in high school to prepare for college.

"The retention of minority students is another serious concern," she said.

The program brings high school students who have a grade point average between 2.0 and 2.5 to campus the summer after high school to sharpen their skills. Though it's not legally mandated to be, it has primarily helped minority students.

"(It) provides an opportunity for students who might not have demonstrated their full potential," she said.

Administrators are divided as to whether standardized tests are biased against minorities.

Nationwide, blacks have averaged about 700 on the SAT, while whites averaged about 900.

Though Oakland doesn't consider SAT scores as a factor in admitting a student, David Beardslee, director of institutional research, said a student should have at least a 900 to consider attending.

Beardslee sees blacks' low scores as a failure of the public schools.

While many black educators have attacked the SAT tests as biased, Rose also believes the tests are unfair to black students because they just aren't educated well enough for them.

"Our conclusion is the test score doesn't reflect the ability to compete," as much as parental reading habits and students' lack of study skills.

"There has been a considerable debate about the degree of cultural bias on those standardized tests," Ray-Bledsoe said.

"It's probably a combination of the inadequate preparation and a range of exposures that don't get at ability," she said.

Campus crime committed by outsiders, Leonard says

BY TIM MARINE
Staff Writer

The university's most serious crime problems result from non-students committing larcenies, according to Public Safety Chief Richard Leonard.

There were 193 larcenies at OU last year, up from 175 in 1985.

Leonard said the expanding population of Oakland County almost mandates that more non-students will appear on campus in the future.

Leonard said outsiders will sometimes roam the residence halls looking for open doors, and if they find one, and "nobody's there, easy pickings."

"We have to make a more concentrated effort of questioning people we don't know in the dorms," he said.

Leonard also said if people took proper precautions, like locking offices and vehicles, his job would be much easier.

But his job isn't made any

easier with a staff of only 14 people, including four supervisors. Leonard only has a couple officers patrolling OU at a time, he said.

He will ask for a full-time detective and full-time dispatchers, both necessitating more money.

Leonard said he thinks media coverage of crime scares people into thinking, "if it's happened (elsewhere), it's going to happen here," he said.

Sixty-seven malicious destructions of property occurred on campus last year, up from 49 in 1985. There were also 28 assault and battery cases last year, up from 24 in 1985.

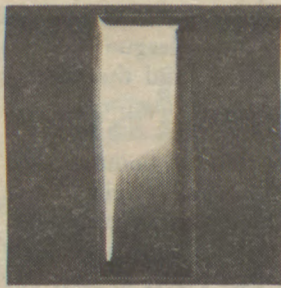
Leonard also said he wished the residence hall staff monitored student drinking better.

"I would like to see them enforce their rules (about drinking) a little better than they do," he said. "I'm not saying they aren't doing the best they can do with the guidelines they have," he added.

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Letters to the Editor

Black students' rights being chiseled away

Editor's Note: The following letter to the editor by Derrick Lewis was read at a student input forum March 4. The letter is printed for readers' consideration, in place of the editorial.

Next week, the editorial will respond to the points discussed in the letter.

Unfortunately, with conservatism prevalent in the nation, institutional racism has emerged right along with it. Many of the rights that minorities fought for in the sixties are being quietly done away with. This situation also applies to college campuses where students are taking a more conservative stance toward the issues.

Oakland University is not excluded from this new mode of conservatism. Oakland seems bent on a course parallel to the policies that the Reagan administration has toward minorities.

Last fall Oakland recorded its largest enrollment of students since its start in 1957. Oakland also is to become the site for a technical park, which is supposed to create 60,000 new jobs for the state.

With all of this achievement, why is it that Oakland's black students are in such a state of disachievement? With the record enrollment in the fall, did Oakland's population of black students rise also? Why is it that black students are in such a hurry to graduate or transfer from Oakland?

A number of reasons can be identified. Oakland shows an impersonal attitude toward blacks in general; Oakland fails to recognize the achievements of black students; there is a lack of understanding between blacks and the administrators, pertaining to the administrators' inability to identify with the background of black students; the administrators have an inability to understand the black students' need for racial identity.

Oakland has a student body of 12,707. Of this number, 684 are black; more than half of this number commute to school.

Blacks are in need of positive role models that they can identify with and talk to, but with the lack of black professors and administrators, who can they talk to or identify with?

The number of black professors is very minimal. Oakland employs 349 professors and only 14 are black. There are no black undergraduate advisors, no office of minority affairs and no black administrators employed in CIPO. Why is it that the office of Special Programs serves as an advising center for minority students, and that is not even the purpose of the office? The Special Programs office has been instrumental for black students in need of help.

Some programs that benefit minority students are being stripped from the responsibility of black administrators and are being given to people with no understanding of the needs of black students.

An example was giving the programming of Black Awareness Month to CIPO which has no black administrators working in its office.

Blacks are having problems getting into the technical programs; lack of black tutors in the technical fields can be contributed to the cause of this problem. Why is it that a lot of black students come into Oakland with a technical major and come out with an HRD or communications major?

Oakland maintains a very low retention rate among its black students. One reason is that Oakland will not recruit black students from inner city schools with a GPA of 3.0 or above. It cannot be stated that there aren't any students with 3.0 or better because most of them are opting to attend MSU, U of M or a historically black university.

Oakland seems to have a reluctance to draw from this pool of able black students. Oakland generally leaves the recruiting of blacks to the Summer Support program. This program generally recruits low achievers in high school, puts them through a summer college-prep curriculum

and then hope that they can make it through the school year.

Most of these students don't come back after the first year of school, mostly because of financial aid problems rather than academic problems.

You rarely see a black student who has been at Oakland for more than two years. It's not rare at Oakland to see an academically able black student put out of school because his financial aid didn't come through. The university shows an impartial attitude toward blacks who have to leave school because of this problem.

Historically, black organizations provide an outlet for black students to show their skills. The

activities sponsored by the residence halls and the university generally do not appeal to black students who want to participate in extracurricular activities.

The black organizations award scholarships, promote racial awareness and give black students a chance to participate in activities that appeal to them.

Unfortunately, the university is actively undertaking a campaign to get historically black organizations off campus, or in some way make them at least inactive. CIPO enacted a rule over the summer that in order to be a registered student organization the group must have at least 10 members registered in school.

Coincidentally, this rule is only going to affect black organizations. Historically black Greek organizations' national chapters allow seven members to be a chapter at a university.

CIPO's rule is unfair because of the limited number of blacks on campus in the first place.

You have to factor out the number of students who want to pledge. Then you have to divide this amount among the respective organizations. CIPO fails to see this, or doesn't care.

I leave these facts to be studied. I hope the university adopts a new policy that will be beneficial to the learning atmosphere of minority students here at Oakland.

Derrick Lewis

Greeks blast *Sail* article

Story told only negative side

Dear Editor,

I am writing this in response to the "feature" article by Anita Fitch that appeared in the Feb. 16 issue of the *Oakland Sail* regarding the Greek system at Oakland.

I am very surprised that the article was printed in the form that appeared and that only half of the story was even told.

For instance, Fitch refers to our fraternity jackets as being "like those a little league baseball team wears," and that Greeks "are seen cluttering the Oakland Center daily."

I would like to point out that the author has no right to give her opinions in a feature article. Furthermore, this article surely had to pass before at least one editor before it was printed. I would, therefore, question the ethics of the *Sail* staff and its reporters.

Second, Fitch asserts that other social groups that have existed at

Oakland, such as "The Toads of the Short Forest" have had philosophies similar to fraternities. But what are these philosophies? In a way, I resent my organization being compared to a group that I have never heard of (I have been at Oakland since 1983), especially one that sounds like it was "mystically based," without being told why the two groups are similar.

Third, the article states that "the original founders (of Theta Chi) were significantly better academically than the existing members."

Once again I ask, do judgments belong in a feature article? I will not argue that several of our past members were truly gifted students. But the article makes Theta Chi appear to be made up of academic degenerates, which we are not.

In addition, Theta Chi does not "claim" to have the highest GPA of any fraternity (not

"organization") on campus, we know it is the highest. This assertion is taken from a report published by CIPO last September. While it is true that we believe our fraternity GPA could be higher than 2.68, it is above (albeit very little above) the all-male average at Oakland.

In reference to what D.A.S. stood for, it is for all intents and purposes, irrelevant. What is important is that "Theta Chi" stands for "Helping Hand." Whether a brother needs help in school, needs a ride or needs just to talk to someone, we are always there for him. It is what we stand for.

I'm not sure if Fitch holds a grudge against our group, but from the article it appears that she does. I would suggest to the *Sail* that Fitch not write another article about Greeks at Oakland.

Craig Alan Love

Vice-President

Theta Chi Fraternity

Sorority member's quote misused

Dear Editor,

As a member of a sorority at Oakland University, I was upset and extremely shocked to read Anita Fitch's article on Greek organizations on campus (*Oakland Sail*, Feb. 16, 1987).

I am very proud to be a part of a successful and growing social organization and wonder how anyone -- involved or not -- could write and print such a condemning article without knowing all the facts involved and in such a tasteless manner.

One example of Fitch's uninformed journalism was stating that Greek organizations on campus are not concerned with getting good grades and that the highest GPA among all Greek organizations on campus is only a 2.6.

I beg to differ with this. Gamma Phi Beta has an overall GPA of more than a 2.97 with honor standings. The girls of Gamma Phi are very proud of this fact, but we cannot understand why

this was not noted in Fitch's article. Why didn't she research her subject and check the overall GPAs of all Greek organizations on campus instead of printing false information?

I am also very upset about what Fitch quoted me as saying in her article. Her quote was completely printed out of context. My reply to her question of "Why do fraternities and sororities wear jackets?" was that we are very proud to be a part of our particular organization and we want to display it -- just like football players, cheerleaders or even students in general attending Oakland University. They wear sweatshirts, jackets and other insignia displaying what they are a part of.

Fitch proceeded to change my words and print what she wanted to hear. I really feel poor journalism was displayed by this and I would appreciate a retraction. Three fellow Greeks were present at the time of this questioning

and are willing to agree with the fact that Fitch made up her own quote. I really can't help but ask myself why the *Sail* would allow such people to represent them.

I sincerely believe that if Fitch plans on pursuing a career in journalism that she first learn to investigate the pros and cons of her subject and print facts without printing ideas that she assumes or wants to be true for whatever personal reasons she may have.

Her article was more of an editorial displaying opinions more than facts and should have been printed as one. I also believe she should print the whole quote that a fellow student is willing to give her -- not picking our pieces and rearranging words.

This article will make it extremely hard to believe any further articles written by Anita Fitch and printed in the *Oakland Sail*.

Wendy Hige

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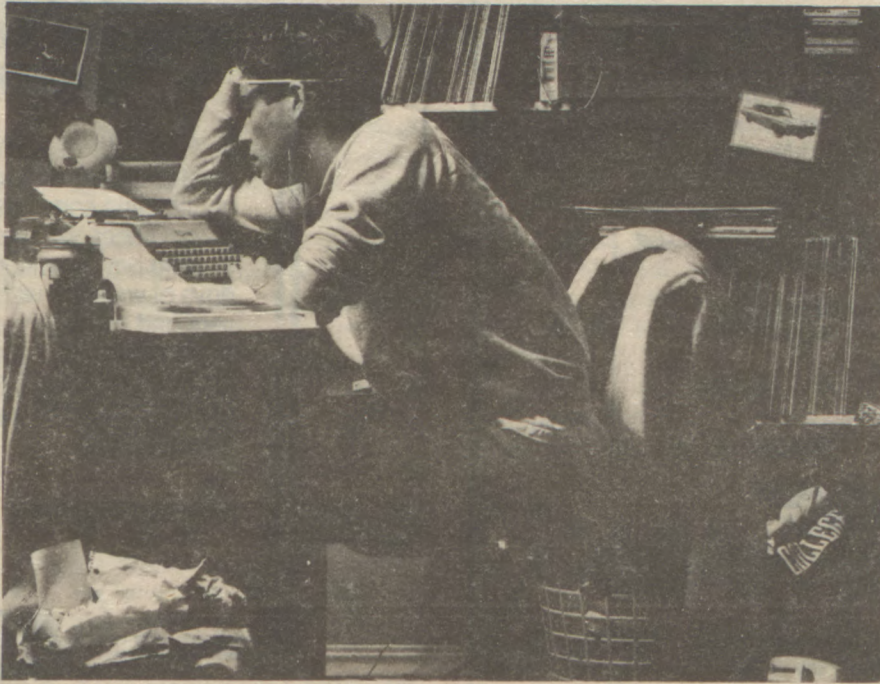
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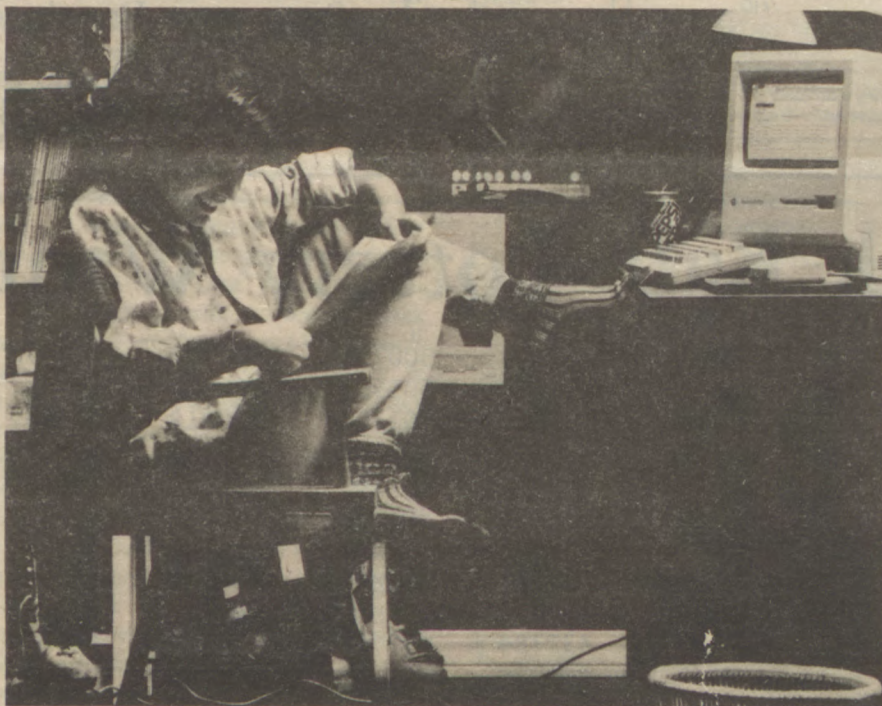
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Candidates for CC express goals, views

BY ANNE HOOPER
News Editor

The newly revitalized Commuter Council will hold a meeting today to elect a president and vice president.

Acting vice president Dave Walby and CC member Carrie Fitzpatrick will compete for president.

Acting president Lisa Wilson and CC member Rich Gizynski are running for vice president.

All the candidates agree that there is a lack of information available to commuters.

"The amount of time spent between going to work and going to school leaves little time to do anything else," said Walby.

"Residence halls students are surrounded by it (information).

For the commuter student, campus is only a part of their world," said Gizynski.

The candidates have varying ideas on how to improve the lack of communication.

Walby advocates an information center to supplement the services of CIPO.

Fitzpatrick wants the newsletter to reach a wider range of people.

Wilson believes that the reinstatement of the Commuter Council newsletter will help improve communication.

Gizynski would like to see the newsletter made more professional.

The candidates all have plans to get more people involved in CC.

Walby believes that making CC more accessible to all students would help. "The problem now is a lack of identification," he said.

In addition to expanding the range of people the newsletter reaches, Fitzpatrick said CC should "focus on every student organization. We really need their input."

Gizynski said a stipulation for recipients of the Commuter Involvement Award, an activity-based scholarship, is that they get involved in CC. He would like to see that requirement enforced more strictly. He agrees that once people see that CC is active, they will want to get involved.

Wilson's idea is to conduct a survey every month to find out what students' concerns are.

Each candidate also has individual goals for CC. Walby would like to see it "provide adequate services, such as babysitting...and fair representation for commuters, who represent 85 percent of the student population, in all areas of the university."

Fitzpatrick said she would like to see CC help commuters find ways to better manage their time, through such programs as Ride Pool. Another goal is "to get people informed about the university as a whole, services...organizations, and to get involved. Not every commuter needs to be on Commuter Council, but they should be able to use us a facilitator."

Wilson would like to see more commuter representation in organizations like University Congress.

Gizynski said the goal of CC has been to create activities for commuters. "There's no such thing as a 'commuter' activity. Activities are for all students," he said. "I would like to turn (CC) into a service organization."

The Commuter Council election will be held at the meeting at 2:30 p.m. today in Room 128 of the OC. The organization's constitution states that anyone who is on the mailing list can vote. Anyone who comes to the meeting can be placed on the mailing list.

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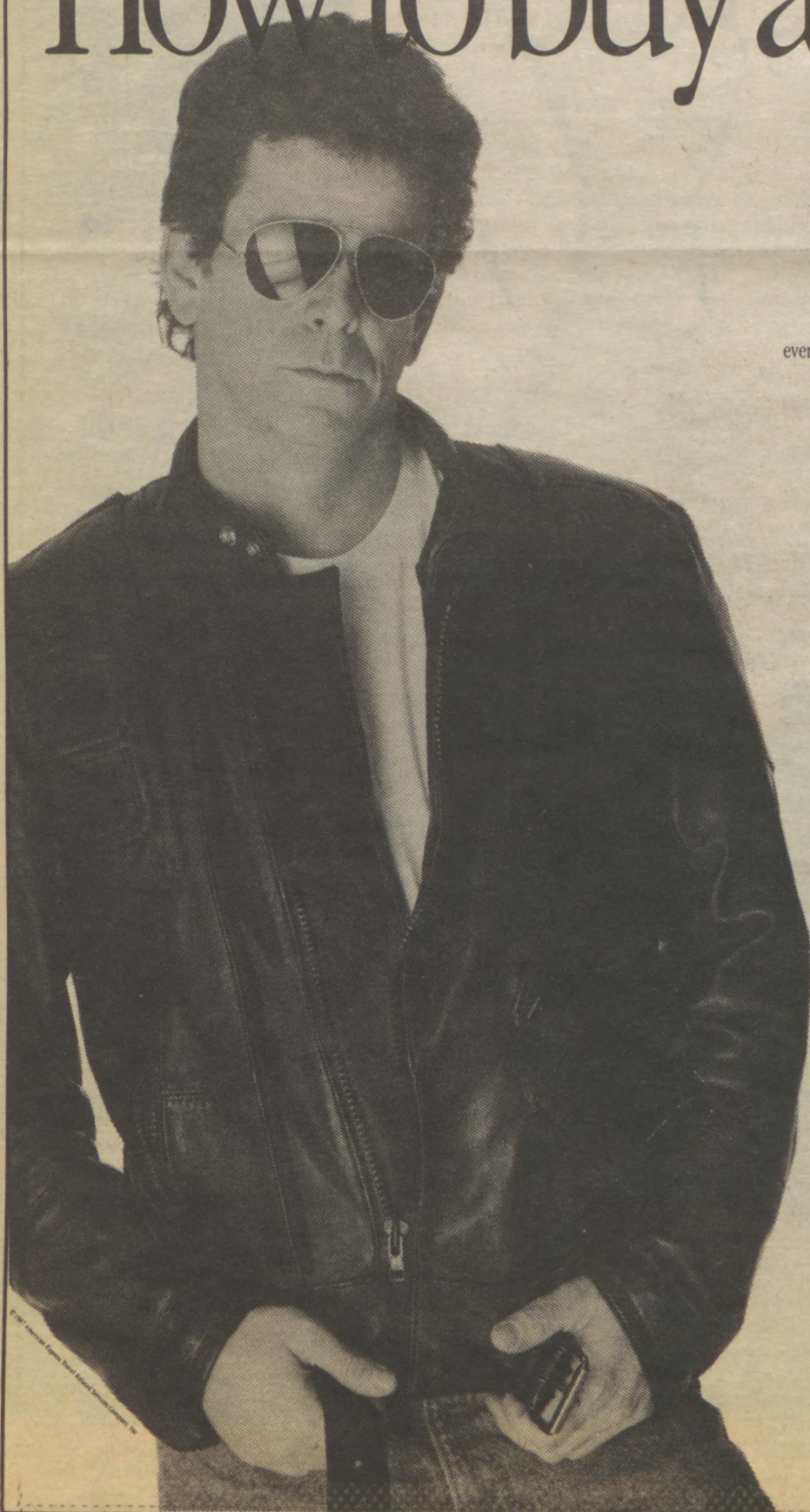


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FEATURES

Students travel to escape from hectic schedules

BY ALISA NASS
Staff Writer

Various organizations offered spring break packages allowing students to escape college schedules and head toward the warm tropical beaches in the Bahamas and Florida, or the crisp clear air in the Colorado mountains.

A first for OU students was a trip to Nassau and Paradise Island in the Bahamas. Twenty-two students attended along with some 300 others from the University of Michigan campuses.

"It was 80 degrees and sunshine," said Tony Boganey, senior. "Everyone had a good time and truly got their moneys worth."

Students took cruises, swam, played volleyball, went to several clubs and had the "opportunity to taste the native foods and shop in the straw market," said Boganey.

"It was different from Florida where people are crazy all the time," said Boganey. "We got crazy at times but it was a different atmosphere, more of trying to take in what was down there in a week."

Many students, however, headed toward Daytona Beach, Florida. Campus Marketing and the business fraternity Alpha

Kappa Psi both offered packages there.

"The temperature was in the low 70s in the morning and as the day went on it was cooler," said sophomore Kathy Stefanovich, one of 42 students with Campus Marketing. The group stayed at the Texan Resort on the beach.

"The weather wasn't so great but it was still fun," added Stefanovich. "There was a party on the pool side of the hotel each day."

The 206 students with Alpha Kappa Psi spent seven nights at the International Hotel also located on the strip.

"The hottest bar was 701 South," according to Joann Garrisi, an AKP member. "A lot of people went to Cocoa Beach for the day for sun."

Will Neff won the belly flop contest and other OU students won beer slam/pool relay races, said Garrisi.

Several Canadian groups were also visiting Daytona. Students with Campus Marketing had a head start in getting acquainted. Before leaving Michigan the bus made a stop at the border to pick up 27 people from Western Ontario, said Stefanovich.

Instead of heading for sand and beaches another group chose the snow and mountains of Colorado.

(See Break, page 12)



The Oakland Sail/Art Stephenson

Comedian Taylor Mason entertained his audience last Thursday in the Oakland Center Crockery with many gags. Here he is with his dummy, Ruben.

Comedian warmly received

BY RALPH ECHTINAW
Staff Writer

Comedian Taylor Mason set fire to the OC and burned down the house with a style that had the crowd alternately screaming with laughter and applauding rapaciously.

Mason entertained a nearly full house last Thursday night with 20 minutes of each stand-up comedy, ventriloquism and some hot shot piano playing.

His over-sexed dummy Ruben, frequently looked out at

a particular woman in the audience and moved himself in a suggestive manner while grinning. The dummy would then say "she wants me."

In a solo telephone sketch Mason pretended to be calling heaven to talk with God. He said he got the number from a Hari Krishna. In the process he conversed with the Holy Ghost, Jesus, and finally God Himself. Jesus claims to live in Warren and God intends to let Oral Roberts get his \$4.5 million but kill him anyway. A phone call to Hell and

a conversation with Louie Siffer (Lucifer) followed. Upon hearing that Mason was at OU, "Louie" replied, "I know the faculty".

In another scenario, Mason took a gentle jab at sportscaster Brent Mussburger, saying "Now here's a guy who had his lunch money taken away every day at school".

Sitting down at a piano, Mason performed several comedy numbers while pounding out a raucous tattoo on the keys. Particularly hilarious to the audience were his variations on the *Flintstones* theme as sung by various rock stars such as Mick Jagger, Bob Dylan and The Who.

The crowd seemed compelled to clap rhythmically during another song and was obviously pleased with Mason's three dimensional comedy.

Mason next covered the world of sports, praising the Houston Astros baseball franchise for naming themselves after George Jetson's dog. He spent a few minutes on state slogans, a phone call to his libido, midget bowling, and a somewhat perverse duet of *The Brady Bunch* theme with Ruben.

Audience member and Commuter Council presidential candidate Dave Walby was particularly pleased with Mason for holding up the Commuter Council newsletter and deriving some comedy from it.

Former Congress presidential candidate Randy Straughen call-

(See Comedian, page 12)

MBT's spy drama's action lies in dialogue



Compliments of Meadow Brook Theatre
Jane Lowry and Carl Schurr play Barbara and Bob Jackson in Meadow Brook Theatre's production of "Pack of Lies".

BY WENDY WENDLAND
Features Editor

Dialogue dependent and thought provoking, Meadow Brook Theatre's *Pack of Lies* is an abrupt turn around from the slap stick, action packed comedy playing last month.

Essentially a spy drama, *Pack of Lies*, by Hugh Whitmore, is a mundane story about a Soviet spy ring in England.

Originally written to be a television documentary, the script did not emerge as a play until 1983.

The play is set in a London suburb in 1960 and everything in it reeks of ordinariness.

Bob Jackson (Carl Schurr) and his wife Barbara (Jane Lowry) are the epitome of a normal, middle class, hard working couple. Barbara, a housewife, runs around her home endlessly cleaning after her daughter Julie (Shirleyann Kaladjian), who she loves dearly.

The Jacksons' best friends are a loveable couple who live across the street. Helen Kroger (Jeanne Arnold) and her husband Peter (Wil Love) may be Canadians, the Jacksons explain, but are very nice.

Trouble begins when Stewart (Arthur Beer) of the English Intelligence enters the Jacksons' lives. Stewart transforms Jacksons' home into a type of spy headquarters. The objects of Stewart's suspicions are the Krogers.

While the story line is simple, the depth of the play lies with how the Jacksons allow themselves to be manipulated by authority and ultimately betray their friends.

Whitmore raises serious questions about trust, friendships and surrendering to authority. While such questions are well worth pondering, their depth may better suit them for a book or documentary instead of the stage.

Not surprisingly the action in *Pack of Lies*, lies in the dialogue.

The set is one of the finest Meadow Brook has had in a long time. The set, which doesn't even have a curtain to hid behind in between acts, is the Jacksons' two story home.

Every room in the home has been created with the utmost detail. For instance, in the kit-

(See 'Pack of Lies', page 11)

Sail retracts article

Certain misquotes and inaccuracies were brought to the attention of the *Sail* concerning the first of a three-part series on Greek organizations. The *Sail* regrets these mistakes.

The second part of the story will continue next week.

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Speaker claims media bias against blacks

BY RALPH ECHTINAW
Staff Writer

Prominent Harvard Psychiatrist Dr. Alvin Poussaint suggested last month that the media's emphasis on negative aspects of black society is harmful, and serves primarily to make whites feel superior to blacks.

Poussaint, best selling author, script consultant for *The Cosby Show*, and associate professor of psychiatry at Harvard University Medical School, spoke for an hour to a half filled, but enthusiastic Crockery on Feb. 16 as the last speaker of Black Awareness Month.

The speaker emphasized how society and the media present a generally bad image of blacks in America. To illustrate his point, Poussaint called attention to the

official American definition of blackness. Having a single black ancestor makes one black by U.S. government standards.

Poussaint said this insinuates that "blackness is a taint on whiteness in America."

Commenting on tests that compared black and white IQ's a few years ago, he said they were unscientific and hurtful to black morale.

Poussaint also addressed those who have protested the existence of affirmative action programs. Poussaint said he wondered why no one cares that certain children of Ivy League college alumni and faculty gain admission to those schools at the expense of more highly qualified candidates without similar connections.

Poussaint said more emphasis should be placed on positive black images. He believes that negative coverage of blacks by the media is a subconscious effort by whites to suppress them. Blacks should be made aware of blacks attending Harvard Medical School for instance, said Poussaint.

In addition, blacks are being demoralized by all the negative imagery bombarding them, said Poussaint. They learn to believe, in part, the uncomplimentary image presented of them by the predominantly white population.

Poussaint also feels television programs present a dubious image of blacks, unfairly stereotyping them. He cites the use of overweight black women on

many sitcoms as an example and challenged his audience to name two plump white women on TV.

Another disagreeable inference includes two shows (*Webster* and *Diff'rent Strokes*) where a black child lives with white parents. The opposite, he said, would be an unacceptable premise to network programmers.

Noting that blacks so far have been confined to sitcoms on TV, Poussaint sees a need for an hour long series which would deal with black problems such as suicide, drug abuse and crime.

The most pressing black problem, according to Poussaint, is "social economics", or poverty. He says 35 percent of black families are living below the poverty line, and notes the high incidence of single parent families among blacks. He faults the welfare system for not offering recipients ways to better themselves and get off welfare. Suggested by Poussaint are

changes that would allow recipients to hold a job and still receive assistance and job training programs. He opposes a proposed \$2.50 minimum wage for teenagers, saying it would displace older workers. Instead, he supports an increase in the minimum wage to \$4.50 per hour.

Poussaint spends four to six hours each week reviewing scripts for *The Cosby Show* checking for "psychological reality." He also checks for any put down humor. He said *Cosby* wishes to present real situations on the show, a positive image of a black family, and subtly educate his viewers.

Poussaint was born and raised in Harlem and attributes his success to "some native ability and a whole lot of happenstance".

He learned at a young age of a heart condition and was told not to participate in athletics. He therefore devoted proportionately more attention to reading and school.

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Meadow Brook Ball possesses rich history

BY LAURA GAUSS
Staff Writer

Students will once again be able to tour Meadow Brook Hall, dance and be with special friends at the annual Meadow Brook Ball March 27 and 28.

A total of 400 tickets are available for both nights. Because the ball attracts so many people, a lottery to enable students to purchase tickets was started some four years ago.

Tickets cost \$20 and provide entrance for two.

Plans for the ball begin as early as September when a 12 person committee is formed. Chairwoman Carol Ham spends about five hours a week working on necessary arrangements for the ball.

The ball committee advisor, Cameron Brunet-Koch, said she was pleased with this ball's progress and arrangements. She has

been the advisor for two years and feels this ball should be a success as in past years.

The idea for a ball originated in 1972 and was proposed to President Donald O'Dowd by Lowell Eklund, executive director of Meadow Brook Hall, and Margaret Twyman, managing director of the hall.

Eklund and Twyman wanted students to experience the atmosphere Matilda Wilson portrayed in 1962, when she annually invited the graduating class to Meadow Brook Hall.

This year's ball will include valet parking, the band Wiz Kids, picture taking, hors d'oeuvres and a tour of the mansion. The ball will last from 8 p.m. until 1 a.m.

Lottery ticket winners can purchase their tickets from March 9-18. After the 18th, unclaimed tickets will go on general sale until they are sold out.

'Pack of Lies'

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chen dishes are laying in the sink, a broom is propped against the wall and cereal boxes are on the refrigerator. The wallpapered family room consists of a hard wood floor, an oriental rug and a genuine feeling of coziness.

Everything about the set, like the characters and the costumes, quite fittingly smacks of ordinariness.

The acting is solid and impressive. Especially entertaining is Arnold who puts so much energy into her character, the audience eagerly anticipates each stage appearance knowing her

presence will color everyone with life.

Also worth mentioning is Jane Houdyshell who plays Thelma, a plainclothes policewoman. Houdyshell's role is minor, but the kindness and warmth she puts into it makes the role seem larger than it is.

Pack of Lies is a slow moving, highly dramatic script that will challenge audiences with ideas well worth their time.

(*Pack of Lies* will be playing through March 22. Student discounts are available. For more information call the Meadow Brook box office at 377-3300.)

Break

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Organized by the ski club, a group of 21 spent their days skiing the slopes of Steamboat Springs, Colorado. The group stayed in two townhouses directly on the slopes.

The first couple of days were nice, according to John Houlihan, ski club president.

"It was sunny and in the 40s," said Houlihan. He added that 18 inches of powder fell later in the week.

Houlihan said there were no broken bones but one girl sprain-

ed her knee.

The group did not spend all of its time skiing. Some of the students had the opportunity to visit Buffalo Bill's grave while checking out Denver and its bars, said Houlihan.

Houlihan said it took 21 hours to reach Colorado but took 31 hours to get back to Michigan because of the weather.

"We drove 25 miles per hour for about 100 miles," said Houlihan. He added that the roads were very icy in the mountains and some 18 wheelers had flipped over.

Comedian

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ed the show "energetic, fun filled, and entertaining."

Political science aficionado Dave Wirth showed some comedy talent of his own when he quipped, "I laughed 'till I stopped" at the end of the 70 minute comedy crusade.

New York based, Mason has been in the comedy business since he was still in college.

Mason's act is relatively PG rated because it is nearly profanity free. He considers profanity a crutch and a road to cheap laughs. His favorite comedian and inspiration for his telephone bit is Bob Newhart.

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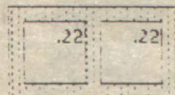


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SPORTS

Pioneers head west for title meet

BY ROBERT RAIBLE
Sports Editor

The men's swim team is in California this week where most of its members will compete in the NCAA Division II championship meets.

This competition in Long

Beach comes on the heels of a Pioneer sweep of the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference championship meet.

The GLIAC should just hand over the conference championship to the Pioneers next year and save themselves a lot of trouble.

After all, traditions are hard to

break.

The men's team has won every championship meet since its beginning 10 years ago.

This year was no different as the tankers won every event but 1-meter diving last week at Michigan Tech University.

Everyone swam well at the

meet said Coach Pete Hovland. There were a few of his swimmers that really showed their potential though.

"The big surprise at the meet was Mike Nation," Hovland said.

Nation, sophomore, set a new GLIAC record with his time of 1:53.62 in the 200-yard butterfly. He also now holds the record in the 100-yard butterfly. He doesn't hold that distinction alone however. Matt Deighan of Wayne State tied Nation at the meet with a time of 51.91.

Junior Mark VanderMey surprised no one with his times in 100 and 200-yard breaststroke events. He had clockings of 57.10 and 2:04.31, respectively. He holds the GLIAC record in those events.

VanderMey also had a record time in the 200-yard individual

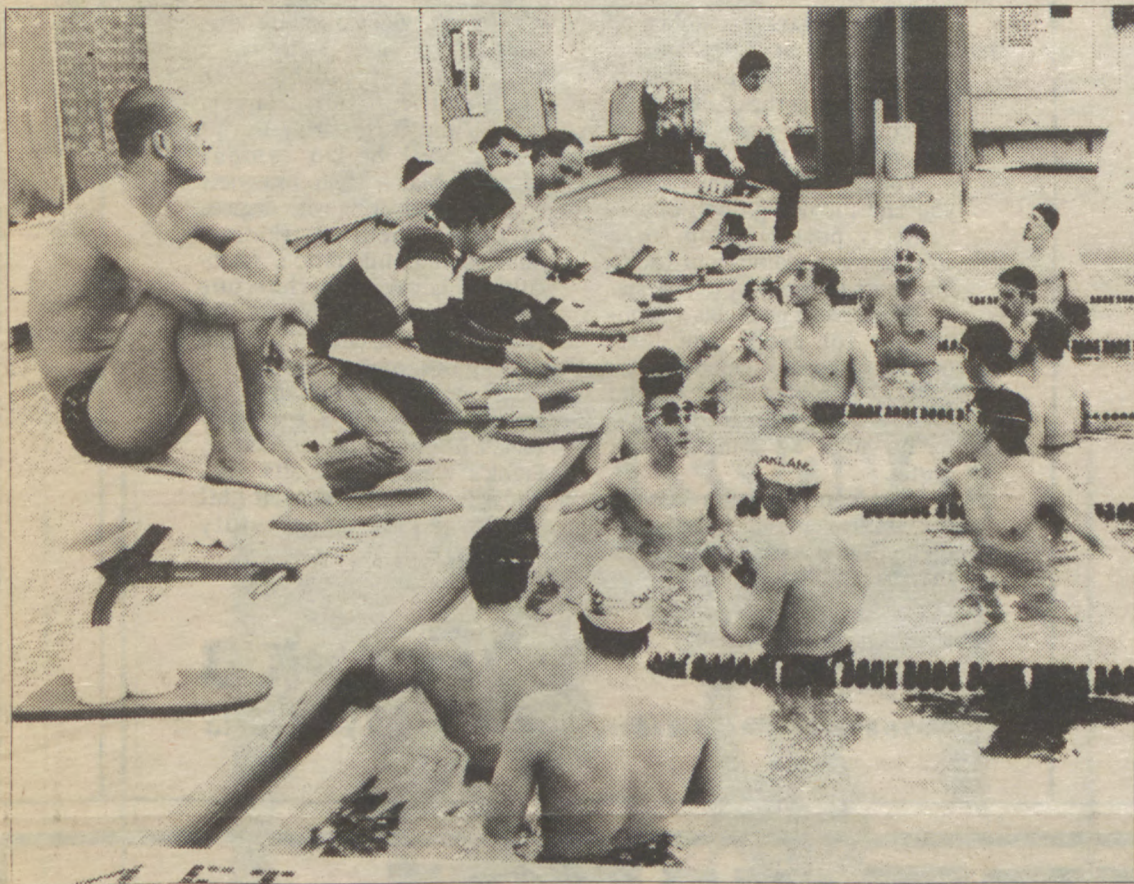
medley, with a time of 1:53.51.

Jeff Cooper, senior, broke the GLIAC record in the 500-yard freestyle at 4:38.25. He also took the first place position in the 1,650 freestyle. His final time in that event was 16:17.03.

According to Hovland, another good performance of the meet was put on by sophomore Dave Rogowski. Rogowski took first in the 100-yard freestyle event at 47.41.

Senior Steve Larson was seven seconds ahead of the closest rival when he came in first in the 200-yard backstroke. He had a clocking of 1:58.01. His teammate Doug Cleland, junior, holds the GLIAC record, however, with a time of 1:56.87.

The NCAA Division II championship meets will begin Thursday and continue through (See Swim, page 15)



The Oakland Sail/Mark Winklebauer

The Pioneer men's swim team prepares itself for the NCAA Division II championships during practice Friday. The championships will be held in Long Beach, Calif. Thursday through Sunday. Last year the tankers took third place overall.

Women's team defeats Lake Superior State by using its defenses well

BY TIM DYKE
Staff Writer

If one game could summarize an entire season, the women's basketball team's finale against Lake Superior State would be a good choice.

Fighting to a 95-88 overtime victory, the Lady Pioneers combined a variety of devices, which they used all season en route to 21 wins, to subdue the Soo Lakers.

Included were tight pressure defense, timely shooting, big performances from key players and the ability to avoid the big turnover.

Big performances came in from junior Margaret Boyle who dished out 17 assists, setting a new GLIAC and school single game record. Junior Sarah Knuth and sophomore Leah Fenwick supplied the offensive punch canning 25 and 20 points respectively. And in the defensive realm, junior Kim Klein, junior Sonja Pearson and sophomore Celeste

Sartor all played important roles.

It was a satisfying victory for a team that has won and lost its share of cliff hangers this year. It also marked Coach Bob Taylor's first victory over the squad he led to an NCAA berth last year.

And now that the season is over, the future looks bright for a program that was on the skids after a rocky campaign last season. But with a fresh attitude, a new coach and 21 victories later, those days are long-gone and forgotten.

With his top nine players returning and Division I transfer Ann Serra available for action, Taylor's second year at Oakland should be better than his first.

But that could be a hard goal to achieve. In his debut campaign, Taylor's troops racked up a 21-7 (11-5 GLIAC) record and tied Grand Valley for third place in the final league standings.

Of the team's seven losses, four came at the hands of nationally ranked teams, including a bitter one-point loss to 15th

ranked Wright State on the road.

But what this year's team will best be remembered for is its ability to come back and its high intensity defense which created such comebacks. If the team is to improve its mark next season, it will need to improve its outside shooting and inside game. Those two elements were detriments throughout the season.

Another factor in the team's gained success was the ability of the players to fill their certain roles. Boyle ran the offense with precision, gaining All-GLIAC honors while setting a league and school record for assists, dishing out 143 in league play and 212 overall. Her career 382 now puts her as the all-time Oakland leader.

"Margaret is the best guard in the GLIAC," said Taylor. "She takes control and makes good decisions."

Knuth continued to be the team's offensive force also gaining (See Women, page 16)

Last minute loss to Lake Superior hard to swallow

BY PETER AUCHTER
Staff Writer

Just when the Pioneers needed to be at their best, they came up a little bit short and it cost them a berth in the NCAA Division II basketball playoffs.

Coach Greg Kampe said earlier in the year that his club would have to have won seven-of-nine games to make the

tourney and the Pioneers came close to reaching that goal. In fact, they came within two minutes.

That's how much time was left in the final regular season game against Lake Superior State Feb. 28. The game was tied and the tension was mounting for the young Pioneers.

Lake Superior's Kevin Tucker, (See Men, page 15)



The Oakland Sail/Art Stephenson

Freshman Stacy Davis grabs the rebound during the Ferris State home game Feb. 19.

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The Oakland Sail/Mark Winklebauer
Sophomore Mike McCan sets up the Pioneers' offense during a recent home game. McCan led the team in rebounding.

Men

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a senior, scored five straight points for the Soo Lakers to carry them to a 77-72 win at Lepley.

"We lost to a bunch of seniors," said Kampe of Tucker's clutch performance.

That victory dashed any hopes the Pioneers might have had for a playoff spot this season.

"I'm disappointed in the way that we lost," said Kampe. "To be so close and then to lose it."

Wayne State and Ferris State ended up tying for the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Conference title and both went to the playoffs.

Both of those teams also had records that were equal to or worse than the Pioneers' 20-8 overall mark.

"We had a great season. The best team in school history," said Kampe.

Aquinas College gave the Pioneers a gift during the final week of the season when they

were forced to forfeit their Dec. 20 win because the Saints used an ineligible player.

Although the season is now over, the team has nothing to be ashamed of. This is the first season that the men's team has won 20 games in one season. It also is the first time that the squad has had a winning record in the GLIAC (10-6).

So while the season might have turned a little sour at the end, the Pioneers have sent a message to other conference opponents. They will no longer roll over and play dead. Things can only get better for the team next year since everybody will return.

Two freshmen, Stacey Davis and Wallace Davis, even ended up starting for the team this season. The Pioneers definitely should be a force to be reckoned with next season.

One of the main reasons why the Pioneers should continue to improve is that junior guard Scott Bittinger will return for his final year.

He should be able to finish his career as the fourth best scorer in school history if he has another season like he did this year when he scored 514 points.

Bittinger also was named to the All-GLIAC first team and the All-Academic team. He finished the season averaging 18 points a game.

Sophomore Dave Hintz made the All-Defensive team.

Junior Pete Schihl was the only other player, besides Bittinger, to have a scoring average in double figures. He ended up scoring 10 points per game. Schihl also was named to the All-Academic team.

Sophomore John Henderson had a 9.8 points per game average. Sophomore Mike McCan, in his first season on the team after transferring from a junior college, led the team in rebounding with an average of 8.5 per game.

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Commentary

Athletics on the rise at OU

BY PETER AUCHTER
Staff Writer

Ho hum.

The men's swim team has done it again, for the 10th consecutive season.

They have won the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Conference championships. And they did it with ease. Runner-up Ferris State didn't even come close as the Pioneers ran away from the pack once again (see game story, page 13).

The men's swim team has won the event every year of its existence. The team is perfect. Ten-and-zero. Things can't get any better than that. I wonder how it feels to be the best you can be without joining the armed forces. It must feel pretty good.

Now the team is preparing itself for the Nationals in Long Beach, Calif. that begin Thursday.

The Pioneers will finally have some kind of competition to swim against after the easy GLIAC tournament. And the team should fare pretty well. Coach Pete Hovland predicts a second or third place finish for his team. Not bad for a group of guys that could hardly tread water only a few short months ago. (Just kidding guys).

It used to be that the men's swim team got all the attention around school for being the only varsity sport that ever accomplished anything significant. Like a winning record.

But that is no longer true. This year the men's and women's basketball teams have rebounded from mediocre records to post 20-win seasons. The men's team just missed making the NCAA Division II basketball tournament for the first time in school history.

The basketball team also drew 1,313 people to ONE game here on campus. No lie. No ticket give-aways like at the Pistons game. This one is legitimate.

Usually the team could only draw 1,300 fans for an entire 14-game home schedule. Things are definitely looking up for sports on campus.

Player-of-the-Week

Mike Nation

The sophomore from Cheney, Wash. did well enough at the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference championship swim meets held last week at Michigan Tech University in Houghton to impress Coach Pete Hovland.

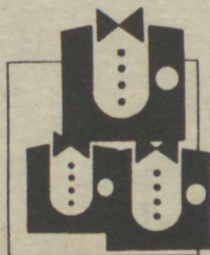
His performance in the 200-yard butterfly set a GLIAC record. His time of 1:53.62 was well under the NCAA Division II cutoff point for the Nationals (1:55.24).

He also set a record for the 100-yard butterfly.

Hovland feels that Nation has much potential and will be a great asset for the team in the years ahead. Nation's swimming skill is even more remarkable considering he never swam in high school. He was, however, ranked in the top 12 nationally as a swimmer for the Eastern Washington Recreational Association.

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Women

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ing All-GLIAC honors while averaging 15.1 points a game and scored her career 1000 point against Lake Superior.

Also gaining league notoriety were Klein who made the all defensive team and Fenwick who set a new league mark in field goal percentage, hitting 59 of 89 shots.

Swim

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Sunday.

Hovland hopes to improve upon last year's third-place showing. Second place is a reasonable goal, he said. Cal State Bakersfield is a sure first-place team.

"Quantity and quality, they've (Bakersfield) got it all," Hovland said.

The top four teams should be Cal State Bakersfield, Cal State Northridge, Oakland and the University of Tampa, respectively. Cal State Northridge and Oakland will battle for second place, said Hovland.

The last time the Pioneers took first place in their division was in 1980.

The *Sail* would like to wish the Pioneer swim team luck at the NCAA championship meet.

Klein, Pearson and Sartor all played important defensive roles throughout the season. Klein also was a key in keeping the team stable in tight situations while continuously making smart plays in important situations. The team's three freshmen also were a big factor to the team's final success. Dawn Lichty, Debbie Delie and Amy Atkinson all had big games during the season when it was needed from them. And all three hit double figures at least once.

The team will prime for next year's league schedule by playing three Division I schools in the preseason, including the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor.

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